

Torrance, California.
August 18, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 18th, 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4th, 1931 and the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of August 10th, 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read as a matter of record the valuation of the City of Torrance for 1931 - 1932, from the County Auditor. Also read a communication from the County Auditor's office under date of August 14th, 1931, in which he gives the assessed valuation of the railroad properties in this City.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 3, Lomita, California, under date of August 15th, 1931, enclosing bill in the amount of \$74.00 for water service on 37 fire hydrants which are located in the recently annexed territory.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County Assessor's office, with reference to the fire protection district in the recently annexed territory. A resolution regarding this matter is to be passed later in the evening.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Messrs. Joe E. Hall and Earl Robinette, under date of August 15th, 1931, requesting a city license to operate a garage and wrecking lot on Lots 13 and 14, Block 72, Torrance Tract, known as 1015 Border Avenue. After some discussion on this matter, Trustee Smith moved that the matter be referred to the Building Inspector and City Engineer to investigate the fire hazard and to report at the next regular meeting. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8: P. M. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bid for printing from the Lomita-Torrance Publishing Company, City, for the fiscal year, June 30th, 1931 to June 30th, 1932, to-wit: For the first insertion the rate shall be eighty (80) cents per column inch. For the second subsequent insertion and all other subsequent insertions thereafter, the rate shall be sixty (60) cents per column inch.

Trustee Nelson moved that the bid of the Torrance Herald be accepted. Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: Trustees: None. Absent: Trustees: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a decision from City Attorney Briney, under date of August 17th, 1931, with reference to the closing of all grocery stores on Sundays and Holidays. This was ordered filed.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit, that X
Mr. Steary had reported today that the amended complaint was finished and would be filed tomorrow. Attorney Briney stated that the demurrer or answer would probably be filed next week.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 221.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 175 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 221 be adopted, for its final reading. Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: TRUSTEES: None. ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue, that he had given the order for a title search to one of the older title companies and apparently they are still working on it.

Engineer Leonard stated with reference to the proposed Fern Avenue School that he had communicated with the Board of Education concerning the installation of the sewer and other street improvements; that the matter had been referred to the Manager of the School District; and that subsequent to this communication representatives had called on him and that the City Engineer was satisfied that the Board of Education would construct the sewer and other needed street improvements but that nothing official had been received from the Board. He also stated that no action by the Council would be required until the 15th of September on the Sepulveda Project.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 508.

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REMOVE ANY AND ALL TERRITORY FROM ANY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT INCLUDED WITHIN THE PRESENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 508 be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: TRUSTEES: None. ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None.

Discussion followed with reference to the publishing of the minutes of the Council in the Torrance Herald, after which Trustee Steiner moved that the petition be allowed. Trustee Nelson stated that he would second the motion provided the Torrance Herald would agree to publish the minutes

in any part of the paper except the legal page, also minutes to be published the same week as the Council meets. Mr. Whyte of the Torrance Herald stated that he would put them on Page 2. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: TRUSTEES: None. ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None.

Clerk Bartlett brought up the matter of the yearly audit, and stated that there had been no action in this regard, and he would like for the Council to do something about it. Trustee Steiner moved that the books be not audited this year. After quite a bit of discussion, Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: TRUSTEES: Nelson. ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None.

(see note)

Trustee Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday evening, the 24th of August, 1931, at 5: P. M. to pass the Tax Rate Ordinance. Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.

Torrance, California

The budget for 1931 - 1932 was discussed. No action was taken.

Trustee Steiner moved that warrants be drawn, for all bills, properly audited. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: TRUSTEES: None. ABSENT: TRUSTEES: None.